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1. THE ARRIVAL OF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC)
"PRESIDENT" RAUF DENKTASH AND "PRIMIN" NECAT KONUK JANUARY 18
IN ANKARA, WHERE THEY WERE MET BY TURKISH PRIMIN BULENT ECEVIT
AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS INSTEAD OF THE USUAL MID-LEVEL
MFA OFFICIALS, WAS THE MAIN STORY IN MOST TURKISH DAILIES
JANURAY 19. MANY OF THE STORIES TIED THE TFSC LEADERS' VISIT
WITH THE SECRETARY'S PLANNED JANUARY 20-21 VISIT (SOME ALSO TIED
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IN UN SEC GEN WALT DHEIM'S RECENT VISIT) AS EVIDENCE OF A MAJOR
MOVEMENT IN SEARCH OF A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. AFTER FINISHING
THEIR CONSULTATIONS WITH TURKISH LEADERS, DENKTASH AND KONUK
ARE TO PROCEED TO ISTANBUL THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 19 AND
RETURN TO CYPRUS JANUARY 20.

2. SOME PAPERS JANUARY 19 PRINTED ALLEGED DETAILS OF THE

CONSTITUTIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS WHICH THE TFSC LEADERS WERE SAID TO HAVE BROUGHT. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN SAID THAT THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS 37 PAGES LONG AND CONTAINS ABOUT 100 ARTICLES, PROVIDES FOR A " FEDERAL TURKISH-GREEK REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS" WITH ITS PRESIDENCY ROTATING EVERY YEAR OR TWO BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES AFTER THE SWISS MODEL. BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH ARE TO BE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND TO BE USED BY THE FEDERAL PASSPORT.

3. INDEPENDENT HURRIYET STATED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PLAN WOULD PERMIT 60-70,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO RETURN TO THE TURKISH SECTOR, WHERE THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THAT SECTOR'S LAWS. THE TURKISH SECTOR WOULD BE REDUCED TO 32.8 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND. GREEKS WHO HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO VAROSHA. THE GREEKS WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE PORT OF FAMAGUSTA AND THE TURKISH STATE WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE PORT OF LIMASOL, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. FREE MOVEMENT, SETTLEMENT, AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY WOULD BE ADOPTED AS A BASIC PRINCIPLE FOR INDIVIDUALS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES. THE INDEPENDENCE, NON-ALIGNMENT, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE FEDERATION WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY TURKEY, GREECE, AND GREAT BRITAIN. TURKISH MILITARY FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE ISLAND PARALLEL TO THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY ENVIRONMENT OF SECURITY FOR THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY.

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4. LIBERAL (PRO-GOVERNMENT) MILLIYET SAID THAT THE PLAN PROVIDED FOR SETTLING THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE IN A MANNER ENABLING THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE ITS ECONOMIC LIFE AND RETAIN SECURITY, AND IN RELATION TO THE AMOUNT OF UNDERSTANDING SHOWN BY THE GREEKS ON CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES. VAROSHA AND FAMAGUSTA MAY HAVE A SPECIAL STATUS AS A FREE PORT AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER. THE GOT WOULD INSIST ON GUARANTEES FOR THE NEW CYPRUS STATE FROM TURKEY AND GREECE BUT WOULD LEAVE IT TO GREAT BRITAIN TO DETERMINE WHETHER THAT COUNTRY WOULD ALSO ACT AS GUARANTOR. FREE SETTLEMENT WOULD NOT BE REJECTED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION WOULD HAVE TO BE TIED TO THE CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF SECURITY.

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